

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: January 31, 2007

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:35 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:55 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

#### Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair  
Vernon Brown  
Lynn McWhirter  
William Oliver  
Lincoln Plowman  
Cherrish Pryor

#### Absent Members

Sherron Franklin  
Scott Schneider

### AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 21, 2007 - appoints Robert Bingham to the Marion County Community Corrections Advisory Board  
"Postpone" Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 68, 2007 - reappoints Katy Behan to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Citizens Police Complaint Board  
"Postpone" until February 14, 2007 Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 69, 2007 - appoints Mary B. Ramey to the Marion County Public Defender Board  
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

Presentation from Earl Morgan on his reappointment as Director of Public Safety

PROPOSAL NO. 70, 2007 - approves an increase of \$429,050 in the 2007 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Fire Division (Federal Grants and Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Funds) for 2007 Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force operations, financed by grants from the US Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency  
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 71, 2007 - approves an increase of \$173,508 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund salaries and fringes for staff in the Community Prosecution Division, funded through a six-month extension (to March 31, 2007) and addition to a prior grant of Byrne Memorial Funds by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute  
“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 72, 2007 - appropriates \$91,456 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion County Forensic Services Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to reduce the backlog of DNA casework in the Marion County Crime Lab, financed by a grant from the US Department of Justice in cooperation with the Indiana State Police  
“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 73, 2007 - approves an increase of \$19,219 in the 2007 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Animal Care and Control Division (Consolidated County Fund) for fencing materials and related costs associated with the installation of an outside cattery on the animal shelter property and to provide free sterilization surgeries and vaccinations for cats in Indianapolis, financed by a grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.  
“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

Community Preparedness and Community Emergency Response Teams – John Ball,  
Director of Emergency Management Planning Division

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, January 31, 2007. Chair Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Lynn McWhirter, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman, and Cherrish Pryor. Absent were Sherron Franklin and Scott Schneider.

PROPOSAL NO. 21, 2007 - appoints Robert Bingham to the Marion County Community Corrections Advisory Board

Chair Moriarty Adams said that Proposal No. 21, 2007 needs to be postponed. She said she does not have a date on when it will be heard again.

Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to “Postpone” Proposal No. 21, 2007. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 68, 2007 - reappoints Katy Behan to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Citizens Police Complaint Board

Chair Moriarty Adams said Ms. Behan is unable to attend the meeting due to a prior scheduled meeting, and therefore the proposal needs to be postponed to the next scheduled committee meeting.

Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to “Postpone” Proposal No. 68, 2007 until February 14, 2007. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 69, 2007 - appoints Mary B. Ramey to the Marion County Public Defender Board

Ms. Ramey said she has been an attorney in Indianapolis for over 30 years. She said she is honored that she will be taking the seat of former member Virginia McCarty. Ms. Ramey said she hopes to fill the legacy that Ms. McCarty has left.

Councillor Brown asked if Ms. Ramey resides in Marion County. Ms. Ramey replied in the affirmative.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked if a background check has been done. Andrea Scott, committee secretary, replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor Pryor, to send Proposal No. 69, 2007 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Presentation from Earl Morgan on his reappointment as Director of Public Safety

Mr. Morgan outlined some of the challenges facing the Department of Public Safety:

- Informing the public on all hazardous preparedness.
- City readiness initiative, which is more on the health care side of business.
- Regional coordination and operability in case of emergency.
- Three city initiative, to do prior planning to receive resources from three surrounding cities in case of emergency and vice versa.
- Cameras, significant to the reduction in crime. Working on pursuing grant dollars to fund the cameras.
- Personal protection equipment - obtain the necessary back-up capability through grant dollars.
- Rapid notification systems to assist in a timely manner with evacuation requirements in a geographical area.
- Participate in an exercise that will max out the city's capability to respond.
- Seek approval for an after-action review board to discuss lessons learned in an emergency.
- Working with communities on dog packs and complying to the revised dog ordinance.

Councillor Brown asked how many employees and what percentage of the city's budget is Mr. Morgan responsible for in his capacity as Public Safety Director. Mr. Morgan said approximately 1,000 employees and Jeff Seidenstein, Budget Manager, Office of Finance and Management, said the Public Safety Director's responsibility is about 20% of the budget, which would be approximately \$150 million.

Councillor Plowman asked what the price tag is for the plans Director Morgan mentioned. Mr. Morgan said the bulk of the funding for these plans is already in the 2007 budget and, the remaining amount will be by grant dollars. Mr. Morgan said he can provide the committee with a break out on how the plans will be funded. Councillor Plowman asked how much is needed for emergency preparedness. Mr. Morgan said he can provide committee members with a detailed break out.

PROPOSAL NO. 70, 2007 - approves an increase of \$344,407 in the 2007 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Fire Division (Federal Grants and Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Funds) for 2007 Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force operations, financed by grants from the US Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency

Dawn Sykes, Financial Grant Manager for Indiana Task Force One, said this proposal will be a re-appropriation of \$344,407 to cover the budget monies that were borrowed to meet expenses during the hurricane deployment. She said Indiana Task Force One responded to the hurricane effort in August, 2006. Ms. Sykes said the borrowed money was used to cover reimbursement costs to members for their services, equipment repair, lodging, meals, and transportation.

Chair Moriarty Adams noted that the digest reads that \$429,050 is to be appropriated. She asked which amount is correct. Jeff Seidenstein, Budget Manager, Office of Finance and Management, said the correct amount is \$344,407 that is in the actual proposal. He said the \$429,050 amount was in the first proposal, but the amount was decreased, and the digest was not changed, but should be.

Councillor Pryor moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 70, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 71, 2007 - approves an increase of \$173,508 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund salaries and fringes for staff in the Community Prosecution Division, funded through a six-month extension (to March 31, 2007) and addition to a prior grant of Byrne Memorial Funds by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Lisa Bentley, Chief of Operations for the Prosecutor's Office, said grants were awarded back in September 2006 and the office was delayed in their reward; therefore, they were granted an extension. She said this will fund staff through March 31, 2007; an application was submitted, and hopefully, they will receive funds to cover April 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. Ms. Bentley said the office has been challenged, because after the budget was finalized, an additional roll call site was established in Marion County. She said prosecutors have been reassigned to meet the needs of the new roll call site. She warned that this will be something to look at for 2008 funding.

Councillor McWhirter asked if there is something that can be done now to ensure the program will still be funded. Ms. Bentley said federal money is being reduced every

year by Congress, and it is causing the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to prioritize grants as they come in. She said the Community Prosecution Division has good programs, and they do recognize that it is important to keep the funding coming.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked how many will be funded by this grant. Ms. Bentley said nine staff members will be covered. Chair Moriarty Adams asked if excluded cities contribute to the cost of staff rotating. Ms. Bentley replied in the negative.

Councillor Brown asked if all roll call sites have a prosecutor available. Ms. Bentley replied in the affirmative and said they shift staff members around to accommodate the need.

Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 71, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 72, 2007 - appropriates \$91,456 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion County Forensic Services Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to reduce the backlog of DNA casework in the Marion County Crime Lab, financed by a grant from the US Department of Justice in cooperation with the Indiana State Police

Larry Schultz, Chief Financial Officer for the Crime Lab, said these funds are part of an annual package that the National Institute of Justice has available for DNA case work. He said the package comes in two parts: 1) case load and handling grant, which is what they currently operate under and 2) the backlog reduction grant, which is being applied for in this proposal. He said this grant was done in cooperation with the Indiana State Police to reduce the backlog in the state of Indiana, particularly in Marion County. Mr. Schultz said this grant covers overtime funds and fringes. He said the grant was delayed because they were awarded the grant after it expired, and it was extended through October 2007.

Councillor Pryor moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 72, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 73, 2007 - approves an increase of \$19,219 in the 2007 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Animal Care and Control Division (Consolidated County Fund) for fencing materials and related costs associated with the installation of an outside cattery on the animal shelter property and to provide free sterilization surgeries and vaccinations for cats in Indianapolis, financed by a grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Leslie Fatum, Administrator for the Animal Care and Control Division, said this proposal will re-appropriate grant money that was received last year that was not encumbered. She said the money will be used for a cattery on the front lawn and service agreements for free spaying and neutering surgeries for cats in neighborhoods that need them.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 73, 2007 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Community Preparedness and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) – John Ball, Director of Emergency Management Planning Division

Mr. Ball gave a presentation on the CERT program (Exhibit A, on file in the Council office). Some highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- CERT is one tool to increase the community’s preparedness.
- CERT relies on the patriotism and volunteerism of the American citizen in times of crisis.
- The program educates and trains citizens about disaster preparedness and basic disaster response skills.
- The purpose of CERT is to give neighbors and citizens the equipment and ability to assist others until emergency services arrive.
- The CERT training is 21 hours, which covers nine hands-on module courses.
- Some of the modules include: Disaster Fire Suppression - students learn about fire chemistry and fire suppression strategies; Disaster Medical Operations - students practice diagnosing and treating airway obstruction, bleeding, and shock, treating burns, fractures, etc.; Light Search and Rescue - students learn about search and rescue planning; Cert Organization - students learn how to organize teams and deploy volunteer resources.
- Currently 75 citizens have been certified in Marion County and have received backpacks with CERT equipment.

Councillor Plowman asked if there is a website where citizens can get information on CERT. Mr. Ball said it is under the Emergency Management website, which can be accessed through [www.indygov.org/ema](http://www.indygov.org/ema).

Councillor McWhirter asked if there is an age limit, class size limit, and a cost to participate in CERT. Debbi Fletcher, CERT Program Manager, said the age limit for children is 17, the class size is between 10 and 20, to allow hands-on participation, and at this point there is no cost to participate. Mr. Ball said as this program expands it would be nice to get extra trainers as the training is time consuming.

Councillor Pryor asked how many classes were done this year and if an effort is going to be done through the school system. Mr. Ball said those who have come to them with an interest have been provided with training classes. Ms. Fletcher said they have done about seven classes in over a year. She said it does take some time to go through the training.

Mr. Morgan added that attending the training does not obligate the citizen to other services. It simply prepares the citizen if an emergency arises in their presence.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked if there was any new business before the committee. Councillor Brown read a request from himself and Councilor Oliver that at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting the Marion County Sheriff, the Police Chief, and both Assistant Chiefs be present at the committee meeting. He said they are requesting they come before the committee to give an update on the first 60 days of the department consolidation, what their philosophy is of community policing, and any resources they are in need of to address problems they have experienced in the past 60 days. Chair Moriarty Adams said she will comply with the request.

#### CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:55.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair  
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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